

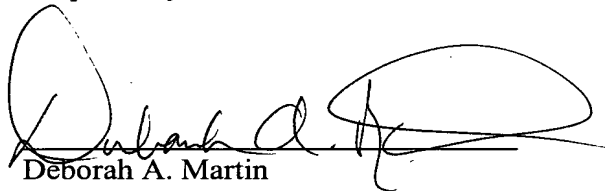
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Support for the amendment to claims 15, 17, and 18, regarding the description of the polypeptide, is found in non-elected claim 11, as originally filed. Support for the amendment to claims 15 and 18, regarding a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, is found, for example, in originally-filed claim 16, which is being cancelled herein. Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance and such prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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